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ORDER ADDITIONAL ARMY AND AIR FORCE UNITS TO EUROPE

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, with the approval of the President, today ordered the following actions to strengthen our combat forces in Europe:

1. The Third Armored Cavalry Regiment will be deployed to Europe at an early date. The Regiment is now stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland. It will be replaced at this station by the 150th Armored Cavalry Regiment of the West Virginia National Guard which has been ordered to active duty, reporting on October 15.
2. Eleven fighter squadrons, one tactical control group, and supporting elements of the Air National Guard will be deployed to Europe starting on November 1, 1961. These include three fighter interceptor squadrons, seven tactical fighter squadrons and one tactical reconnaissance squadron. Associated with this deployment will be the return to the United States of seven regular Air Force squadrons which are presently in Europe on temporary duty. These actions will result in a significant increase in the tactical fighter strength in Europe while at the same time will retain in the United States strike aircraft capable of deploying rapidly to any part of the world. (A specific listing of the Air National Guard units is attached.)
3. Certain heavy equipment and vehicles required by both armored and infantry divisions will be shipped to Europe and held in readiness there. This pre-positioning of several thousand tracked and wheeled vehicles and more than one hundred thousand tons of equipment will permit the movement of Army divisions to Europe in a matter of days should the need arise. A number of Army personnel will be moved to Europe to safeguard and maintain this equipment.

These actions, involving a total of ~~about~~ 10,000 personnel will start immediately.

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UNITS BEING DEPLOYED TO EUROPE
AS OF NOVEMBER 1

Hq 122 Tactical Ftr Wing
163 Tactical Ftr Sq
122 A&E Maint Sq
122 Consolidated Acft Maint. Sq.
122 AB Group Hq
122 Supply Sq
122 Transportation Sq
122 Air Police Sq
122 Civ Engr Sq
122 Opns Sq
122 Tac Hospital
163 Weather Flight

Boer Field, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Hq 131 Tac Ftr Wg
110 Tac Ftr Sq
131 A&E Maint Sq
131 Consolidated Acft Maint. Sq.

Lambert - St. Louis MAP, Missouri

Hq 121 Tac Ftr Wg
166 Tac Ftr Sq
121 A&E Maint Sq
121 Consolidated Acft Maint. Sq.
121 AB Gp Hq
121 Supply Sq
121 Transportation Sq
121 Air Police Sq
121 Civ Engr Sq
121 Opns Sq
121 Tac Hospital
164 Weather Flight

Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio

Hq 108 Tac Ftr Wg
141 Tac Ftr Sq
108 A&E Maint Sq
108 Consolidated Acft Maint. Sq.
108 AB Gp Hq
108 Supply Sq
108 Transportation Sq
108 Air Police Sq
108 Civil Engr Sq
108 Opns Sq
108 Tac Hospital

McGuire AFB, New Jersey

Hq 117 Tac Recon Wg
106 Tac Recon Sq
117 A&E Maint Sq
117 Consolidated Acft Maint. Sq.
117 AB Gp Hq
117 Supply Sq
117 Transportation Sq

Sumpter Smith ANG Base,
Birmingham, Alabama

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117 Air Police Sq
117 Civ Engr Sq
117 Opns Sq
117 Tac Hospital
117 Recon Tech Sq

Sampter Smith ANG Base,
Birmingham, Alabama

Hq 102 Tac Ftr Wg
101 Tac Ftr Sq
102 A&E Maint Sq
102 Consolidated Acft Maint. Sq.
102 Air Police Sq
102 Civ Engr Sq
102 Supply Sq
102 Tac Hospital

Boston, Massachusetts

131 Tac Ftr Sq
102 AB Gp Hq
102 Opns Sq
102 Transportation Sq

Westfield, Massachusetts

138 Ftr Sq
131 Weather Flight

Syracuse, New York
Westfield, Massachusetts

152nd Tac Control Group

106 Tac Control Sq

102 101st Sq

101 ACW Flt

101 ACW Sq

101 ACW Sq

101 ACW Sq

101 ACW Sq

101 ACW Sq

Roslyn, New York
Roslyn, New York
Howard, Rhode Island
Worcester, Massachusetts
Orange, Connecticut
Syracuse, New York
Blue Ash, Ohio
State College, Pennsylvania

151 Ftr Interceptor Sq (Augmented)
197 Ftr Interceptor Sq (Augmented)
197 Ftr Interceptor Sq (Augmented)

Knoxville, Tennessee
Eastover, South Carolina
Phoenix, Arizona

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